

## Basket Ball Strategy

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1-NEW ELEMENTS IN THE GAME.

I was accorded the honor of ng the game of basketball some years ago, many new elements ien were remotest in my mind, grown into the winter pastime ven a new field for effort. If Massachusetts friends had told hen that a quarter of a century athletes would be planning efmanners of attack and defense conceiving schemes of play to der and hoodwink opponents, I have doubted, but such events ome to pass. Year by year the for plays of new variety is ning stronger, and the more ine the better liked by coaches.

I have set about to tell youfans and players aliketo center your efforts, how to your plays to the best adage during the progress of plays where to direct your attack in game where strategy and science idoing themselves.

the spectator, who watches basket play for the privilege of indulging stasies over the wild movements er-moving legs, arms and indoorned muscles, the science of the constitutes itself in scoring abilaccuracy in lodging the leather within the net. will endeavor to demonstrate

the science of this game lies in ability of the guards, forwards and er to work up to a highly effipoint in the movements which ede the efforts at goals.

age articles on "Basketball Strat" therefore, will deal with the

s of the players about the floor. assing of the ball and the most we manner of puzzling oppoby a series of plays. To start take the play which has known as "left forward to forward in left forward's posicourse, your team must s set of signals, which are easily They may be number signals, ed to the players by the captain e team or they may be "silent In the case of number sigsame course is pursued as used in football. For instance, the accompanying diagram. Supthat the series of numbers which the direction of the play is . the d uttered by your captain. Your I for the play "left forward to forward in left forward's post-would be 26, 312, 88. The cennumber being 3, the ball leaves to go to the left forward, whose

rou may use a movement of the or foot to indicate a certain play. rse, the man who gives the stsignal must give it unconcernedly it may not be noted by onnts and made use of to advantage

eral is 1, while the last player to we the ball before the shot at the

ttempted is the right forward.

the placing of players immeafter the completion of the which proves especially effective. he accompanying diagram the s are idle if the center of the represented as the aggressor the jump" on his opponent and s the ball in the direction indiby the captain's signal. In this the center slaps the sphere to eft side, where the left forward es it and shoots it back to the forward, who in the meanhas taken up a position to the f the basket, from which he tries

the truly scientific part of the nation takes place. The center, jumping spurts for a position to ght side of the basket, while the orward, having handled the ball the goal tosser secured it. a bee line for a point directly nt of the basket.

studying the accompanying diayou can readily see what an exdefense this makes, providing right forward fails in his effort d the ball within the net. You overed every point toward which il may bound as it caroms away the goal. It is then up to your to leap into the air and again ata goal. It is a noticeable feathat in this, or any other play for natter, the plan is for every play-"lose" his opponent, and to do must accomplish his part of the nation from a point other than in which he places himself at the it the referee tosses the sphere the centers at the start of the

dd the opposing center leap into ir higher than your center, thus the ball toward the opponent's remains for your guards to the sphere and follow out the as signaled. Every move must de with the utmost celerity. The to receive the ball from the must take it on the run and the under the basket should do the and shoot for the goal before ogress has stopped and the purguard of the opposing team him to block his pass.

the diagram to the right is the play reversed; that is the right forward to left forin right forward's position. The rules for covering the bound of all, following a possible faiture part of the goal-shooting foralso observed, the positions of men used being reversed. that we have considered the

which are the first taught to at the opening of each season indeavor to aid the player in physically for a gruelling In the first place, a successful career finds "wind" uisite, and this cannot be obany other manner than by vine for perhans a little loss nth before the match sames he "wind" which you acquire ball season, track season season is not "basketball Participation in those sports. aids in puttine the athlete. physical cordition, but the which he needs is not to he any manner other than

tists account for this by deof eighteen consecutive weeks NOW FOR SOME STRENUOUS SPORT



## YALE OUTLOOK IS BRIGHT

claring that different sports bring dif-

ferent sets of muscles into play and in

consequence the start of the basket-

ball season finds some parts of the

months of inactivity. But basketball

uses every muscle of the body, and

that continuously. Hence, the lung-

and heart have a heavier part to play

in purifying the blood and building up

these unused muscles. As soon as

the athlete begins to get into basket-

ball trim, these muscles are strength-ened, he breathes easier when dashing

about the basketball floor and con-

stant exercise puts him in shape for a

The basketball player also needs

a stomach which is not susceptible to hard jolts. That is a requisite

which cannot be neglected if the play-

er intends to put forth his best ener-

gies. Sweet stuffs, coffee, alcoholic

beverages, tobacco, pastry and late

hours must necessarily be blacklisted.

Also, before practice and games the

athlete should eat lightly and of foods

which contain the largest amount of

In future articles we shall outline

more plays which are absolutely es-

sential, and when these are impressed

will add what coaches recognize as "feature plays," that is, combinations

out of the ordinary run, which, added

to the repertoire of teams, give a va-

ried and complicated style of attack

and defense.

nourishment in the smallest bulk.

player's machinery weakened

New Haven Eleven Loses but Four Men and Only One Will Be Missed.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 5 .- Yale sees a brighter time coming with next year. The only men lost by graduation are Brides, Biddle, Burch and Wheaton. Brides is the only one who will be badly missed, though Biddle has been a good center. Burch has not been in form this fall, and Wheaton has never had an opportunity to display his ability on account of injuries.

Returning next year there are Logan, Hobbs, Andrus, Goebel, Corew, Johnson, Philbin, Murphy, Daly, Coy, Kilpatrick, star ends; Savage and Vaughn, and a good quarterback, Merritt. Cliff Mes-

senger is a good fullback. Yale's share of the Harvard game receipts was \$33,000. From Princeton the amount is approximately \$20,000, from About \$10,000 was spent on repairs at Yale field and \$5,000 went for the maintenance of the training table. About \$10,000 will be given to the crew for next spring and \$6,000 to the track manage-The balance will be given to the

Pulliam Suspends Only Six Players During the Last Season.

President Harry C. Pulliam of the National league is enthusiastic over the increasing popularity of baseball. Commenting on the stability of the great national game, Mr. Pulliam says: "The game is getting cleaner all the time. Why, I only suspended about half a dozen men last season, to about forty the year previous, and I want to say that the players are trying harder to keep the game clean than any other agency. They have realized that the umpire is almost human. It's business with the player now, and they're banking instead of boozing.

"One of the main reasons for the everlasting popularity of the game is that it's a poor boy's game. You see, eighteen little kids with one ball and a stick can get all the fun they want. "It's a grand game, clean, whole-

some, and it's the spirit of contest that gives it its virility. Civic pride is another vital adjunct to it. Every town likes to have its own team a Sort of local pride or another form of patriotism, I call it."

Dick McMahon Makes a Pacing Queen Out of Phenomenal Mare.

The phenomenal black mare Citation, 2:01%, can be rightfully termed the pacing queen. The record made by this great daughter of Norvalson has been very unique one and it is safe to say that few, if any, pacing mares of her equal have been developed.

Citation is now 9 years old and has been pacing six seasons. She started campaigning in 1903 as a 4-year-old. and finished the season with a record of The next year she got a mark of 2:09%, and in 1905 she went into winter quarters with the sign 2:06 hanging out over her door. It was in the winter of 1905 that McMahon got Citation and he has raced her ever since. In 1907 she raced out west until Columbus was reached, but at that meeting she trampled on a select field of pacers at the Ohio city and won a good race, taking a mark of 2:031/4. Last year she took a record of 2:01%, and Dick says that she will surely hit the two-minute

mark next year. Last year Citation was unbeaten in thirteen races, while the past season she started fifteen times and was twelve times returned winner. But what is still another important feature of this mare's greatness is her physical condition. Since McMahon has had her she has never experienced a sick day, filling all of her engagements and racing about as well on one track as

another. Citation's campaign opened this sea. son at Kewanee. Ill., the week of July 5, and it did not wind up until Nov. 6 at Phoenix, having a racing campaign

## WON PENNANT BY BEING CAREFUL

World's Champions Kept Close Watch on All the Little Details of Game.

The complete history of a baseball season is never written promptly. Every campaign teaches its lessons, the results of which are not at once made manifest, but which crop out in succeeding campaigns. Wise manager is who looks back over the work of his aggregation, sees the errors that have been made and profits in the future by his experiences. Some of the mistakes appear mighty trivial at the time, but loom up disastrously in the

light of future happenings. If there is one thing that should be learned more clearly than anything else from the great National League race, which closed with the Cubs' victory over the Giants at New York, Thursday, Oct. 8, it is the necessity of keeping careful track of the little details and never passing over the seemingly insignificant things. A local fan said to me the other day: "I believe Chicago owes its pennant to the fact that some member of the team was wise enough to discover that in many games, where the winning run was scored in the ninth inning, with a man on first, the runner failed to advance to second while the man on third was scoring. No doubt that thing has happened scores of times, but it was never discovered until Evers made the claim in Pittsburg that Gill had failed to advance to second on a hit which scored a runner from third with the decisive tally. The Cubs failed to gain the point they raised that time, but they called the attention of the umpire to the possibilities under such circumstances, with the result that the next time the boneheaded play was made it was detected and it saved the Cubs from a defeat. Some people say that Chicago's winning the pennant was on a fluke, but I think such people forget what constitutes a real ball player. The stars have not only physical prowess and mechanical ability-they have brains, and brains win out in the end." All of which sounds very much like the truth to the writer. There is no doubt that the managers

of the two teams which lost out in the National League after making such a grand fight for honors can now look back and figure out scores of places where tiny mistakes were made, and where victory might have perched upon their banners had the right thing been done. How many times has a batsman failed to reach first base, because he had popped up what appeared to be a dead easy fly, and taken it for granted that the ball would drop safe into the glove of an opposing fielder, when the latter has missed the ball, but thrown out the runner because he was not interested enough to run it out? Of course, nine times out of ten such watchfulness may avail nothing, but the winning of the pennant may hang on what happens in the tenth instance. Without going further into the mat ter, it seems safe to predict that one big result of the great 1908 race will be more careful play next season on the part of all teams that seem from the start to have a chance to win the flag. Their managers will surely overlook nothing nor leave a stone unturned to gain every victory that is possible. This means another great race, and it means additional interest on the part of the people, who never tire of watching the grand old game when it is earnestly

#### and enthusiastically played. FINALE FOR "TAD" JONES.

New Haven, Conu., Dec. 5.-It is reported that the game with Harvard saw the last of "Tad" Jones as a Yale coach, despite the fact that he has been slated to handle the baseball team next spring. Announcement is made that Tad" will marry Miss Bettie Shearn of New York and Denver in December, next year. He will then go to Hamilton. O., to be superintendent of a new paper mill.

### S-P-O-R-T-O-L-O-G-Y BY W. D. RISHEL.

Denver has had its Jiu Jitsu experience and, judging from the accounts of the contest, it does not think much of the game. A big Irishman, named Me-Laglen, pulled off a stunt over there this week with two inoffensive Japs, and handed the town as big a package in the sporting line as old Colorado will see for many days. For weeks before the match McLaglen and the two Japanese windowwashers were given more space in the sporting columns than a championship prizefight would be enas patriots from Japan, who had traveled all the way to Denver to strip the Irishman of the honor of being the Jlu Jitsu champion of the world. body seemed to fall for the "bunk." but. as soon as the match was over, it was discovered that the two Jap patriots were a couple of section hands discovered by McLaglen for the occasion.

Game Faileu in Salt Lake.

The same combination hit Salt Lake on the way to Denver, but were informed in language more forcible than polite that there was "nothing doing" in Zion for any such bunk as Jiu Jitsu.

# AROUND CHASE

Winter Squeeze Play May Get Great First Baseman and Land Him in New York.

New York, Dec. 5 .- Hal Chase is likely to be the victim of a winter "squeeze play" that will either bring him back to New York next season or force him out of league baseball altogether. George Stallings, the new manager of the Yankees, may find Chase in a mood to talk business by the time the agents of organized baseball get through with the California league.

Chase has been playing with the Stockton club of the California league, which is an "outlaw" organization. Five of the six clubs in that league want to ome into organized baseball. After the league meetings in December Harry Pulliam and Ban Johnson will go west to arrange this matter. The Stockton club is balking because of Chase. Hal was given \$1,700 to quit the Yankees. His club has several outlawed players, as well as McHale of the Boston Americans. It looks as if Harold is down and out. The Stockton club will be forced to bow to the majority. Chase claims to have had backing for a new park in Oakland, where he was to be manager next year. With his league coming into organized ball, Hal is at the mercy of the oppressor and he probably will make his peace with the New York club. Stallings needs him.

#### SON'S ATHLETIC DEEDS MAKE FATHER FAMOUS

Former United States Supreme & Justice George Shiras, in an ad- \* dress on "The Evanescence of & . Fame," the other day at Pittsburg, &

teld this story: "One of the ablest attorneys who & practiced at the bar during the & early '50s was Robert McKnight, \* whom we all knew and respected. . Later he went to congress and & proved a very worthy public serv- . ant. Returning to Pittsburg, he . retired, and years afterward I read . of his death in one of your Pitts- . burg papers of that day. The pa- 4 announced his death in this . of fashion:

"Thomas McKnight, an old . resident of this city, died yester- . day. He was a member of the bar . and the father of Dannie Me- 4 . Knight, the great baseball play- &

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The same old tale about the wonderful nerve holds, leg-breaking tactics and the little boy who could throw a fullgrown man was carefully gone into by McLaglen, but when he finished an hour's oration, he was asked to make good. Everything possible was done to get McLaglen on the mat with Mike Yokel, the Y. M. C. A. wrestler, but the giant Irishman, "the champion of the world," could not for a minute see a meeting with such a man as Yokel. He was anxious to import a Jap, bring him titled to. The two Japs were pictured to Salt Lake and jiu jitsu him unto death. He was actually bloodthirsty in his talk-but, when Yokel stepped forward and asked him to do some of these wonderful stunts, the champion could not think of it. McLaglen was then told to go on to Denver, where his game might work, and, if he couldn't make them stand for it there, to go to New York, where the greatest suckers in the world reside. He probably picked up enough easy coin in Denver to reach Broadway, where he may be next heard from.

#### Basketball for Girls.

With nearly every school in the state taking an active interest in basket ball. the game is being rapidly adopted by girl students as well as boys. Where the girls take up the sport, there is a general disposition to play the style of game used by the boys instead of the game especially devised by the rulemakers for girls. This is a great mistake, as the game played by the boys is today one of the most strenuous sports in athletics. When it comes to a question of physical endurance, football is tame in comparison with basket ball. It is doubtful if a sport was ever devised, barring boxing, where the player is called upon for as much energy as in basket ball. The rulemakers learned years ago that basket ball was too strenuous for the weaker sex, and have devised a code of playing which eliminates a great amount of the speed and roughness of the older game. It makes an ideal winter game for girls, and faculties throughout the state should compel the girls to play this game, or not play at all.

#### Didn't Know Nelson.

Recently, Battling Nelson applied to the registrar at Washington for a copyright on his new book. The Washington official sent back the request and notified the Dane that he would have to give his real name before the copyright would be allowed, as the department did not recognize a nom de plume. To the average person, it is hard to believe that a man exists in the United States who does not know that Battling is Nelson's real name, and it is also funny that the strenuous president would allow a man to work under his administration who was not better posted on the lightweight champion of the world. Had the registrar sent his mmunication to President Roosevelt. it is more than likely that the keeper of copyrights would have been asked to appear before the civil service commission to take an examination in United States history.

### Casey to Manage Portland.

Pearl Casey is to be the manager of Portland team in the Northwest League. This is the information given out by the McCreedies, owners of both teams in Portland. Perhaps no baseball player in the country is better or more favorably known in Utah than Casey. For a number of years he was the invincible second baseman of the Ogden team, and one of the best second-sackers that ever played on a Utah diamond. For the past few years he has been playing on the coast, where he has be come a great favorite. It is helieved his selection as manager will make the new team popular at the start, something that is needed to insure the existence of two teams in Portland. \* \* \*

Colorado may not think much of Utah in football, but it is noticed that when they have a good game on, such as the Denver-Carlisle, they call upon one of the Utah coaches, Fred Walker, to help them put their team in shape.

# SHERIDAN BEST ATHLETE ALIVE

New York, Dec. 5 .- Martin J. Sheridan, rated in most quarters as the best all-round athlete on earth, has performed some unique and wonderful feats of speed and strength in his day, and among these one of the most remarkable was done at one of the recent Sunday meets at Celtic park. On this particular occasion Sheridan was late in reaching the field of battle, a habit of all really great athletes. He drove through the gate at Celtic park and ran to the fence surrounding the field, only to behold with chagrin that his favorite discus event was well under way. The other throwers, however,

were nearly through the "first round."
"Too late," said Martin to himself, in sheer disgust; but just then the thought of a solid gold medal set with a diamond flashed through his mind, and in a jiffy his Irish was up. Over the fence and across the field went Sheridan on the dead run. "You're too late, unless you want to try it as you are," said the field judges. "Gimme time to get my coat off, will you?" snapped Sheridan. His Irish was still up.

The all-round champion doffed his coat and hat, and with no spiked shoes to make his footing secure, won the event from scratch with a throw of over 135 feet. Anyone who has tried to juggle the weights while dressed in street togs and smooth leather shoes will be able to appreciate this great feat of Sheridan's.

Pitchers Doyle and Hogg Think Club Owes Them Money.

Cincinnati, O. Dec. 5 .- When the national commission next meets it will pass on two cases in which New Yorkers have an interest. "Garry" Herr-mann has received missives from Pitchers Joe Doyle and Billy Hogg of the Highlanders asking that the governing powers of baseball go after Frank Farrell, president of the New York Americans, and make him sign checks that will soothe the injured feelings of these players.

Doyle received half pay from the Highland owner the last part of the season and thinks he should have drawn the amount stipulated in his contract. The man from Clay Center, Kan., desires to become a free agent, and has sent to Chairman Herrmann a

long letter reciting his complaints. Doyle says he was put on half pay when other players who were crippled were drawing full salaries. The Kan-sas boy fails to include in his letter the fact that when his arm was lame there was a side agreement proffered to him that he either would be allowed to remain on the Farrell payroll at half salary or receive his release. Herrmann is of opinion that Doyle no case against Farrell and that Joe was in luck to draw any money at all from the Highland treasury after July 1

Hogg wants pay for the time he was under suspension, the Colorado curver insinuating that at this period he was able and ready to take his regular turn on the rubber and that only managerial favoritism kept him in the background. Hogg thinks the New York Americans owe him \$416.67 and has asked the national commission to collect this sum for him. The evidence forwarded by Hogg is of such slight account that the commission will likely dismiss his complaint in short order.

## SEMI-PROS AFTER TALENT

Brown and Overall Get Big Offers From Chicago City League Clubs.

Chicago, Dec. 5.-Unless the ante is raised in the case of Mordecai Brown and Orvall Overall, the two star pitchers of the Cub team, they are pretty certain not to play. Brown has been offered \$5,000 by Tom Keelin, the proprietor of the West End semi-pro club, to take charge of that team and manage its affairs, just as James Callahan handles the Logan Squares.

The whole wad will be in the bank for Brown any time he will consent to To pay such a sum might be a bold business move, but a celebrity like Brown probably could draw a lotful of people every Saturday and Sunday. As other expenses would be trivial, a club with Brown at the head of it might be a financial winner as well as an artistic success. Practically the same kind of an inducement has been held out to Overall, and the popularity of the big Californian undoubtedly would make him a whale of a drawing card and a money-maker.

Neither Brown nor Overall is anxious to leave professional baseball, and probably if they could get within a reasonable amount of the salaries now being offered them they would stick to the

#### DECEMBER 6 IN THE ANNALS OF SPORT

1874.—H. A. Reed, a noted professional pedestrian, died in London. association organized. 1886 .- At Pittsburg: G. H. Smith de-

race for \$1,000. 1890 .- At London: Jim Garwood cleared the skittle frame 123 times within an hour, sticking up his own pins and fetching his own ball. 1898 .- At New York: "Mysterious Billy" Smith won decision over Joe Walcott in twenty-round bout.

#### MATTY TO COACH HARVARD. New York Champion Will Give

Aid to Pitchers. Boston, Dec. 5 .- Christy Matthewson. York pitcher, will coach the Harvard ball squad next spring. Matty will have absolute charge of about ten aspirants for twirling honors. He will begin work late in February and

continue to coach the college boys until the outdoor work is well under way. This will be early in March, about the time the Giants start for Texas for spring training.

# MUST CUT OUT

Boulder Students Lost Money When They Bet Utah Would Be Defeated.

Boulder, Colo., Dec. 2.-Colorado university will abolish athletics, according to President James H. Baker, unless betting, which has been so prevalent during the recent football season. is discontinued by the students. The statement was made at the chapel exercises this morning.

"Betting was practically unknown in the university several years ago," said. the president, "but it has reached a stage this fall where some action must be taken. Gambling is one of the worst evils that can enter the life of a college student. It must cease or Colorado will not be represented on the athletic field. I understand that a great deal of money has been lost in betting by students living in Boulder. I hopthose who made wagers on football games lost every cent and will continue to do so if they keep up the prac-

It has been estimated that \$5,000 was lost by students and townspeople of Boulder on the Colorado-Denver game Large pools were made up in many university organizations and the students probably lost half of the above stated amount. A great deal of money was also lost on the game with Utah, which completely upset predictions. A large part of the losses were made up by Colorado's victory over the Mines, although the odds were against the university, thus preventing big wagers. Conditions in football should be reversed, according to one university professor. He holds that the big. strong fellows, who really don't need athletics, get the benefit, while college weaklings in real need of physical work stand on the side lines and waste their energies in cheering and cigar-

## WANT MERKLE RULE CHANGED

Garry Herrmann Says Plays Cannot Be Fixed to Suit Boneheaded Players.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 5.-It has been suggested that the baseball rule which made the Merkle play possible in New York last season be altered so that if a batter makes a hit a man can score from third base whether a man on first reaches second or not. The umpire must judge whether or not a hit was

President Garry Herrmann of the national commission, when he heard of the proposed change, said: "Such a thing would be impossible. Umpires cannot manufacture hits. It is not up to him to make hits for the players. They must do that themselves.

"Instead of thinking about changing that rule the owners who are considering such a thing had better get busy and tell their players not to overlook the fine points of the game.

'That rule is as necessary as any in the book, and it should not be changed. I wouldn't like to be an umpire if it was up to me to decide whether or not the player had made a hit if the result the game depended upon the decision. If the rules governing baseball are changed to conform with the ideas of a few would-be reformers who are anxious to let the Giants down easy for making a stupid play which lost the National League championship them, the umpires in the big leagues will have more trouble than ever,

## SIDE STEPPING JOE GANS

New York, Dec. 5 .- Joe Gans is willing to take on any of the aspiring lightweights save only one. Battling Nelson. The one-time "old master" has had all he wants of Nelson's game. He declares frankly that the Dane can whip him or any other man of his weight now fighting, but as to McFarland, Murphy, Cross or the others-that's an entirely different proposition. It looks like easy money to Gans to get on with any of the others. He said recently:

'Seems funny that neither Cross, Murphy nor McFarland will box meand they're supposed to be wonders. Why, I'll tell the whole bunch now that they have no more chance with Nelson than I have with a Gatling gun, and that's honest 'way down deep, too. Battling Nelson said that the first boy who could beat me could have a chance for the title in two months. That's good, isn't it? They don't be champions until they beat Nelson and myself, and they might as well start now as to wait

'McFarland ought to speak up. He had the best of Murphy and, according to the papers, if he's any sort of fighter at all he ought to beat a fellow like me. 'Yes, I've got a few more six-round fights left in me, but it's just as hard to get a fight now as it was when I was champion. I suppose after I'm licked nine or ten times more they'll all want a crack at me, but right now you can't get a peep out of them."

modate Mr. Gans. 1879.—The American College Baseball COY MADE TEDDY, JR., QUIT THE GAME.

It's a fact that the boys don't seem to

be tumbling over each other to accom-

feated H. M. Johnson in 125-yard foct- . Fullback Ed Coy of Yale is on . . especially bad terms with the fam- .

· ily of President Roosevelt. He it · · was who forced Theodore Roose- · st velt, jr., to forever quit the grid- st · iron game. It was a few years ago, when a & member of the Yale freshman . team, that Coy performed that &

ofeature. Teddy, jr., was right end of of the Harvard freshman eleven \* and Coy resolved to make him earn & his spurs. He had his own position changed &

from the freshman back field to \$ the left end, so that on every lineup he would be opposed to the & Cambridge right end, Roosevelt, & Ir. At every play Coy made an . sespecial target of young Roosevelt s sand roughed and man-handled him s so severely that the lad retired & from play before the game ended \$ and vowed that he would never again don the moleskin.